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1. In late June 1951 the commander of the East China Air Force was CHIANG T'ien-jan (蔣天鰲), and the deputy commander and head of the Weather Section was LIN Cheng (林征).
2. In late June each Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) fighter battalion (tatu 大隊) had 27 planes and was composed of three companies (chungtui 中隊). Each company had three platoons (fentui 分隊), each with three planes. Each CCAF bomber battalion had 24 planes.
3. In early July 8 or 9 planes, most of which were bombers, landed at Ch'uchou (118-52, 28-57) Airfield, Chekiang. All the planes were piloted by Chinese Communist graduates of the Chiamussu Aviation School.
4. On 10 July Soviet Air Force activities were as follows: one YAK-11 left Mukden for Antung, and one KIEJ (sic)-type plane flew a training mission from K'aiyuan.
5. On 10 July CCAF activities were as follows:¹
 - a. At least two planes flew over the Changchou-Amoy area.
 - b. Training missions: 14 MIG-15's and 2 YAK-17's of the 48 Air Regiment from Tsingtao, and 3 YAK-17's from Yangts'un.
 - c. One YAK-11 left Yangts'un for T'angshan.

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6. Ch'engtu Airfield closed at 7 a.m. and opened at 12 noon. Chungking Airfield closed at 6:55 a.m. and Ksuehou Airfield closed at 4:16 p.m. Yangts'un Airfield opened at 4 p.m. Tsingtao Airfield closed at 1 p.m. and opened at 4 p.m.
7. Anshan training mission: 16 MIG-15's, one YAK-11, and 3 YAK-17's to Kaip'ing (122-22, 40-24), P'angshan (sic), and back to Anshan at altitudes of 1,650 - 16,500 feet under the direction of Ch'iu-k'o-ying.
8. Flights from Antung: at 3:34 p.m. one YAK-11 left for Anshan piloted by Pa-li-lich-fu (巴利列夫) (? Barilev), and at 5:46 p.m. one Soviet civil transport left for Mukden piloted by Wu-szu-kao-fu.
9. Flights from Mukden: at 5:05 a.m. civil transport Number 01 left for Chita piloted by Shao-te-li, arriving at Chita at 1:56 p.m., and at 6:20 a.m. civil transport Number 04 left for Peiping, where it arrived at 9:03 a.m.
10. Flights from Peiping: at 1 p.m. civil transport Number 09 left for Mukden, where it arrived at 5:23 p.m. piloted by Mao-lao-kao-fu (毛老告夫) (? Molokov), and at 1:41 p.m. civil transport Number 04 left for Mukden, where it arrived at 4:27 p.m.
11. Miscellaneous Chinese Communist air activity:
 - a. Civil transport Number 18 left Port Arthur for Voroshilov piloted by Pu-chin-lai-fu (普金来夫) (? Puzhinleyev).
 - b. Two YAK-type planes, Numbers 2412 and 2422, left Voroshilov for Peiping via Mukden.
 - c. At 6:57 a.m. one plane left Tientsin for Yangts'un.
 - d. At 11:23 a.m. civil transport Number 121 left Hankow for Ch'engtu.
 - e. At 6 p.m. five LA-11's left Anshan for Antung. One of these planes was piloted by Yeh-fei-chai-fu (葉飛柴夫) (? Yefeizhov).

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12. CCAF training missions were as follows:
 - a. Liut'ing: 16 MIG-15's and 2 YAK-17's of the 46 Air Regiment, and 14 MIG-15's and 2 YAK-17's of the 48 Air Regiment.
 - b. T'angshan: 2 MIG-9's.
13. Soviet Air Force activities:
 - a. In the evening, 24 MIG-15's returned to Antung after flying combat missions in Korea.
 - b. Training missions: 2 17 MIG-15's, 3 YAK-17's, and one YAK-11 under flight leader Chu-ko-ying; during the afternoon, 5 LA-11's to Antung and back to Anshan at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet under flight leader Yeh-fei-mao-fu; and during the night, 2 LA-11's, 2 YAK-11's, and 2 other planes over the Anshan area under flight leader Yeh-fei-mao-fu.
14. K'aifeng Airfield, which was closed on 16 June for construction and runway repairs, was reopened on 10 July.³

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15. Ch'engtu Airfield was closed at 7 a.m. and opened at 3 p.m. Hsuehou Airfield opened at 5:25 p.m. Chungking Airfield closed at 6 a.m. and Hankow Airfield closed at 2:25 p.m.
 16. Training missions:
 - a. Changchun: 2 YAK-11's over the Anshan area at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet under flight leader Liao-sha (廖沙).
 - b. Anshan: 2 LA-11's, 12 LA-9's, and 2 YAK-11's over Anshan at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet under flight leader Yeh-fei-chai-fu.
 17. Flights from Mukden:
 - a. At 1 p.m. two transports left for Antung.
 - b. At 3:12 p.m. civil transport Number 04 left for Peiping, where it arrived at 6:25 p.m.
 - c. Soviet civil transport Number 48 left for Port Arthur, where it arrived at 1:30 p.m.
 - d. Soviet civil transport Number 20 left for Port Arthur, where it arrived at 5 p.m.
 18. Flights from Peiping:
 - a. At 1:16 p.m. transport Number 8329 left for Lanchow via Sian.
 - b. At 8:35 a.m. transport Number 8001 left for Hankow, where it arrived at 12:10 p.m.
 - c. At 4:15 p.m. civil transport Number 6403 left for Mukden, where it arrived at 6:47 p.m.
 19. Flights from Ch'engtu:
 - a. Transport Number 8052 left for Peiping.
 - b. One IL-12 left for Chani, where it arrived at 1:55 p.m.
 20. Other flights:
 - a. At 9:30 a.m. transport Number 8329 left for Lanchow via Sian.
 - b. At 2:58 p.m. transports Numbers 2412 and 2422 arrived at Mukden.
 - c. At 4 p.m. 8 MIG-9's left Antung for combat missions in Korea. All returned undamaged at 5:15 p.m.
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